

Claims

- 1 1. An apparatus to teach a subject to vocally emulate sounds comprising:
- 2 a sensor for detecting the presence of a subject;
- 3 a system for playing back a predetermined message, where the system initiates playback
- 4 of said predetermined message upon the detection of the presence of the person or animal by
- 5 the sensor; and
- 6 a housing which contains the sensor and the playback initiation system.
2. An apparatus as recited in claim 1 further comprising a system for selecting a prerecorded sound to be played.
3. An apparatus as recited in claim 1 further comprising a system for recording sounds that are audible to human beings.
4. An apparatus as recited in claim 1 further comprising a system for recording sounds that are audible to animals.
5. An apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein, the sensor comprises:
- a movement sensing device.
6. An apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein, the sensor comprises:
- a light sensing device for detecting the absence of light due to the presence of the bird.

7. An apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein, the sensor comprises:
a laser and a laser detection sensor.
8. An apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein, the sensor for detecting the presence of a bird comprises:
a heat sensing device.
9. An apparatus as recited in claim 1 further comprising a bird perch.
10. An apparatus as recited in claim 9, wherein the bird perch is detachable.
11. An apparatus as recited in claim 1 further comprising a mirror.
12. An apparatus as recited in claim 11, wherein the mirror is contained within the housing.
13. An apparatus as recited in claim 1 further comprising a means for attaching the apparatus to a birdcage.
14. An apparatus as recited in claim 13 wherein, the means for attaching the apparatus to a birdcage comprises a bracket.
15. An apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein, the apparatus is capable of freely standing.

16. An apparatus as recited in claim 9 further comprising a trough.

17. An apparatus as recited in claim 16 wherein the trough is inserted within the space created by the bird perch.

18. A method of teaching a subject to vocalize sounds comprising:

selecting a prerecorded sound to be played back by a playback system;

detecting the subject's presence by a sensor; and

upon the sensor's detection of the subject, the prerecorded sound is played back for the subject to hear, whereby the subject learns to vocally emulate the desired sound.

Add
AH

09776543 000004